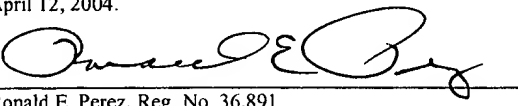


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Applicant : Pamela A. Kramer
Filed : June 12, 2001
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PROCESSING OF MEDICAL DEVICES
Art Unit : 1772
Examiner : Sandra M. Nolan
Docket No.: : ACS-54812 (2346P)
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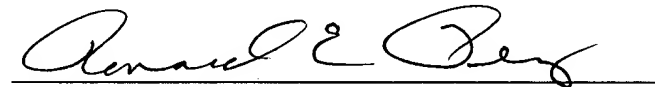
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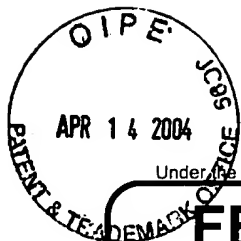
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